

### EDWARDS SELECTS N. J. BRIDGE BOARD

Decides to Appoint Three New Members to Commission. Ends Edge Control

### WILL VETO UTILITIES BILL

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger—Trenton, Feb. 25.—Governor Edwards has decided to make the following appointments to the Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission, the body which is supervising the construction of the vehicular tunnel between Jersey and New York, and which is to have charge of the construction of the proposed bridge over the Delaware between Camden and Philadelphia:

T. Albus Adams, of Montclair, reappointed for five years; Frank F. Gallaher, of Collingswood, Camden county, to succeed the late Richard T. Collings, of Collingswood, this appointment to be for the unexpired term ending 1924; Charles S. Stevens, of Camden, Cumberland county, to succeed Daniel F. Hendrickson, of Woodbury, for a term of five years.

These appointments end the Edge regime in the board, the only holdover appointees of Governor Edge now being: Weller H. Noyes, of Tenafly, Bergen county, president of the state Chamber of Commerce, whose term will run out next year; Theodore Botzger, of Hackensack, whose term will expire in 1924; and Thomas J. Barlow, whose term will expire next year.

### Ends Edge Control

The other holdover members are Edwards appointees, namely, John F. Boyle, of Jersey City, who was appointed last year for five years, and Samuel Shay, of Camden, who was named last winter, also for five years.

After the governor makes the three appointments just mentioned the board will consist of five Edwards appointees and three Edge appointees. The members serve without salary.

The governor will return to the Legislature Monday night the Walworth Senate bill providing for a new Public Utility Commission, giving his reasons for vetoing the measure. John A. Miller, personal counsel to the governor, intimated the bill for a new three-headed utility board would not receive the governor's approval.

The governor objects to the Legislature stripping him of the power to remove commissioners on charges, a right accorded but never exercised by his immediate predecessors, former Governors Wilson, Fielder and Edge.

There is little prospect that the state will have a utility board before March 7 at the earliest.

Passage of the Walworth bill over the governor's veto would still require nomination and confirmation of new commissioners to start the board functioning.

The joint appropriations committee practically cleaned up its work of drafting the annual budget act last night. Senator Whitner, of Morris, said the measure would probably be introduced Monday night or Tuesday. The governor's budget message contained recommendations of \$16,043,000 for the support of the state government from July 1 next to June 30, 1922.

May Slash Salary Increases  
It is believed that the legislative bill is within the recommendations of the governor. Any increase will make provision for institutional improvements. There is a possibility that even some salary raises approved by the governor will be slashed by the committee.

Assemblyman Blackwell, of Mercer, said he had urged his colleagues on the committee to recommend \$10,000 for purchase by the state of the McKinley ferry house, at Washington Crossing, where the Continental army crossed the Delaware.

In addition to the Walworth utility measure, the governor has eight other bills on his desk awaiting disposition. One would appropriate \$50,000 for expenses of the soldiers' bonus commission and printing the necessary blanks, incident to issuance of questionnaires for the \$10 a month bonus to ex-service men.

### 1000 SLAIN IN POGROMS

Jewish Federation Tells of Anti-Bolshevik Atrocities  
London, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—More than 1000 Jews were victims of the pogroms carried out by the troops of General Balakovich, former anti-Bolshevik leader, in the regions of Minsk and Hamel, according to a statement issued today by the Federation of Ukrainian Jews in London.

The pogroms were of a terrible character, the statement declares, women being mistreated and tortured, and children being murdered in cold blood. Thousands of children were made orphans.

The possessions of the Jews were looted, the statement adds, and great numbers of them were made homeless.

Reports from Jewish sources in Warsaw last December told of pogroms carried out by the troops of General Balakovich in the Minsk region, where he adopted an insurgent course and continued fighting after the Poles and Russians had ceased hostilities.

### SEEK TO SUE SPROUL

Ruling Asked if Governor Can Be Made a Defendant  
Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—The question whether the Governor of Pennsylvania can be made a defendant in an action in equity and be called upon to plead like any citizen has come up in the proceedings launched by F. M. Zeller to restrain a state official from issuing a patent for a part of the Hog Island tract to the American International Shipbuilding Corporation.

The Governor signed the patent, and he is included in the list of respondents along with members of the state board of property, which passes upon applications for patents. Under the law as understood here the Governor cannot be made a defendant or respondent in an action where his official duty is concerned.

Attorney General Alter has ordered the subject be studied by his deputies and is looking into the law on the subject himself. Attorney generals in years gone by have ruled that the Governor cannot be subpoenaed or made a defendant in actions in court where official business is involved.

### FLEETS END MANEUVERS

Experience Gained Has Been Very Beneficial, Officers Assent  
Alford U. S. New Mexico, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—The Atlantic fleet has been separated from the Pacific fleet and has sailed for the Atlantic, thus ending the first joint maneuvers of the two fleets. The maneuvers, in the opinion of high naval officers, have been a marked success.

The experience gained at sea has been most beneficial, these officers declare. The battle tactics displayed by the combined fleets were regarded as particularly impressive. Naval officers who have gone ashore at South American ports where the fleets made stops declare relations with the foreign countries visited have been most cordial and express belief that such good has been derived from this portion of the fleet's activities.

### Last Harriman Ship Launched

Bristol, Pa., Feb. 25.—The freighter Arden, last of the forty ships constructed at the Harriman plant of the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, at noon yesterday steamed away on her trial trip, and the great yard, which at the height of its war-time activities employed 11,000 workers, is virtually idle.

Only sufficient workers to guard the yard and care for its equipment will be kept employed until some decision is reached as to the future use of the plant.

### WHITE FOR WOMEN AS MAGISTRATES

Member of Charter Framing Committee Gives Views to Civic Club

### RIGHT ONES HARD TO GET

Women should be selected to be magistrates, according to Thomas Raeburn White, one of the framers of the present city charter.

He was principal speaker at the meeting of the Civic Club yesterday, and after outlining existing shortcomings in the present minor judiciary, said that at least one or two women should be magistrates.

The idea appealed strongly to the women attending the meeting, and Mr. White, on request, outlined the procedure necessary to have a woman's name placed on a ballot as a candidate for magistracy.

Mr. White told of the difficulties of getting the proper type of men and women to be candidates for public office. He told of the criticism, abuse and mudslinging to which every public official is subjected, but urged his audience not to be deterred by the prospect of severe criticism, saying "the present attacks are a mere sewer compared to that which Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln had to suffer."

He told the women that their duties as citizens are not ended with the depositing of their ballots. He said they should see to it that honest and efficient candidates were placed on the ticket so that the schemes of politicians who sought to elect men ill-fitted for the offices to which they aspired, could be circumvented.

"Certainly," said Mr. White, "you would think we could get twenty-one first-class councilmen, but we didn't." That brought a burst of applause, the speaker continued, "and nobody opposed them. Even the so-called reform councilmen could be replaced by much better men. It is a shame that the citizens permit these important offices to be captured by petty politicians."

Mr. White told of the difficulty under which a reform ticket struggles for victory, and said he felt better results would be obtained if the party system were abolished in municipal elections. He told the women they ought to pay particular attention to the candidates for the magistracy who will run next fall.

### Greater Facilities Will Be Provided

In Philadelphia and Pittsburgh  
Washington, Feb. 25.—The United States Public Health Service last night issued a statement of its plans, soon to be put into effect, to provide a substantial increase in hospital facilities for former soldiers and sailors in Pennsylvania, but especially in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The bureau's statement said:

"At Philadelphia the public health service has recently acquired from the navy a large hospital for the care of former service men suffering from nervous and mental diseases. Its capacity is between 400 and 500.

"At Pittsburgh the capacity of the Marine Hospital will be tripled at first by the addition of a dozen portable buildings of approved type and later when Congress appropriates the necessary money, by new and permanent brick and tile construction."

### FIGHT GAS RATE CHANGE

United Business Men Decide Against Altering U. G. I. Pact  
The United Business Men's Association last night went on record as opposed to any change in the city's contract with the United Gas Improvement Co. That action was taken after Edward E. Ziegler, president of the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association and a member of the united body, told of a conference a committee of the organization had with Mayor Moore Wednesday.

"I don't think I am breaking a confidence," Mr. Ziegler said, "when I say that the Mayor told our committee he had received only five protests from gas consumers about the proposed increase in rates. The Mayor made it plain it was up to us business men to arouse public sentiment and get as many consumers as possible before the commission's public hearing March 8."

Members who took the floor in the present made repeated assertions the proposed standard of gas is unhealthy and of poor quality.

### TRAIN HELD UP SECOND TIME AT SAME PLACE

Bandits Get \$50 in Registered Mail. First Effort Yielded \$9  
Roodhouse, Ill., Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—Posses today are combing the Mississippi river bottoms in the vicinity of Quincy Junction, thirty-seven miles west of here, where four men armed with rifles held up Chicago and Alton passenger train No. 10, from Kansas City to Chicago, early this morning and escaped after forcing the mail clerk to hand over three registered letters and a registered package.

Reports received at the division offices of the railroad here indicate the amount stolen by the bandits will not exceed \$50. Messenger Ayers, in charge of the baggage car, saved several hundred dollars in express remittances by hiding the pouch containing the money when he heard the bandits order the door of the mail car opened.

The train is the same one held up several weeks ago at almost the same spot, when the bandits obtained \$9 from members of the train crew.

### KAISERIN UNCONSCIOUS

Early Death of Augusta Victoria Is Expected  
Potsdam, Germany, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is reported to be unconscious at Doorn, Holland, in private telegrams received here last night. It is said there is no hope of her recovery, and her early demise is indicated.

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Mr. Daniels expressed a desire to take the chair home to Raleigh, N. C., when he returns next month to private life. He was told it would cost him \$141. That about changed his mind, but his friends purchased the chair for him, the government profiting more than 100 per cent, as the chair cost only \$66. The \$141 represents replacement cost.

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